

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, a Replacement Sheet for Fig. 1 is hereby submitted and the title is amended. Also, the specification has been amended to further define a reference character found in the drawings. Thus, the Amendment merely corrects informalities and no new matter has been added.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that the Patent Office has found the claims to be in condition for allowance.

II. Drawings

The Quayle Action requires that the character "1k" be amended to "1c" in Figure 1 and for the substitute sheet to be labeled as "Replacement Sheet."

Accordingly, Figure 1 is corrected as requested. Therefore, Applicants submit that the requirements of the Patent Office have been met.

The specification has also been amended to further define the reference character "15ym." As demonstrated in Fig. 1, the brush 15ym can be provided on a primary transferring roll. As the specification now describes brush 15ym in Fig. 1, this objection is also overcome.

III. Specification

The title of the application was objected to as not being descriptive of the claimed invention. To expedite the issuance of this application, Applicants have amended the title as shown herein.

Applicants submit that the requirements of the Patent Office have been met.

IV. Claim Objections

Claims 9 and 16 were objected to as allegedly including terms that lacked antecedent basis in claims 1 and 13, respectively. Applicants respectfully disagree.

In particular, Applicants wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the fourth clause of claim 1 and the third clause of claim 13 which recite "a developing unit for developing the electrostatic latent image with a spherical toner."

Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 9 and 16 are in proper form.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of claims 1-16 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachment:
Replacement Drawing Sheet

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 1 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet